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SUBJECT: ^{LA/111} PROPOSAL OF JOBARN/1 TO ASSIST IN SEARCH FOR
JOSEF MENGELE

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1. APPRECIATE REF A INITIATIVE. BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER, HOWEVER, BELIEVE WE SHOULD DISCUSS IN GREATER DETAIL CERTAIN PITFALLS THAT COULD ARISE IN USE OF PARAGUAYAN OPPPOSITION FIGURES SUCH AS [] TO CATCH MENGELE. THE OPPPOSITION HAS BEEN QUITE FRANK IN TELLING THE US MARSHALL'S SERVICE THAT THE OPPPOSITION WILL DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD DISCREDIT OR EMBARRASS THE STROESSNER REGIME. GIVEN THIS BUILT-IN BIAS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT OPPPOSITION SOURCES ON MENGELE COULD TILT THEIR REPORTING ACCORDINGLY. OF CONCERN TO THE EMBASSY IN ASUNCION IS THAT STROESSNER WOULD ERRONEOUSLY EQUATE U.S. EFFORTS TO CATCH MENGELE WITH THE USE OF INFORMATION FROM OPPPOSITION SOURCES WITH U.S. SUPPORT FOR OPPPOSITION EFFORTS DIRECTED AGAINST STROESSNER. OBVIOUSLY THIS IS NONSENSE TO US BUT COULD BE INTERPRETED AS REALITY BY STROESSNER. FOR THIS REASON THE EMBASSY IS TREADING CAUTIOUSLY WITH REGARD TO THE USE OF OPPPOSITION SOURCES. WE WILL GET A BETTER READING ON THE EMBASSY'S FINAL POSITION ON THE ISSUE UPON THE RETURN OF THE AMBASSADOR.

2. THE ABOVE IS NOT MEANT TO EXCLUDE THE USE OF OPPPOSITION SOURCES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE UNIQUE ACCESS. SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT WE FIRST GET REACTION OF AMBASSADOR AND DEPT TO VISIT OF USMS TEAM TO ARFA (REF B) BEFORE DISCUSSING WITH USMS THE POSSIBLE USE OF []

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